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Dear Mr. Oliff:

This is in response to your letter received 06 September 2006 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 10/575,446 filed 12 April 2006. The application will be processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will be issued in due course. Please be notified that Office is encountering a backlog up to ten months due to the implementation of the paperless file in processing national stage applications.

Sincerely,

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